

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Madagascar
<b>Program Title:</b>	Democracy and Governance
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	687-VVV
<b>Status:</b>	New
<b>Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:</b>	\$785,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$914,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2003
<b>Estimated Completion Date:</b>	FY 2008

**Summary:** USAID's new democracy and governance program will improve Madagascar's governance by working to deepen and strengthen civil society, increase the flow of information to citizens and local leaders, and strengthen government's ability to respond to citizens' needs. A major effort will be made to help civil society organizations move beyond the nation's capital to provincial, regional and rural areas; improve their advocacy skills; and strengthen their internal management. Independent media, such as local radio, television, and newspapers, will be strengthened, and citizen and media access to information and communication technologies will be increased. Select government units will be made more transparent, accountable, and responsive to citizens, and particular attention will be paid to encouraging decentralization as it unfolds in Madagascar.

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

#### **FY 2003 Program:**

This will be a new objective in FY 2003, to be notified upon final USAID approval of a new strategic plan for Madagascar. Initial obligations and procurement actions will be taken in FY 2003 in order to set the stage for full implementation of the new strategy.

Deepen and strengthen civil society (\$285,000 DA). USAID plans to provide training and support to teach civil society organizations how to advocate effectively; provide technical assistance to national federations and associations to improve the skills of their provincial-based, rural partners; and provide training and mentoring in financing and managing to create more sustainable civil society organizations. Principal contractors/grantees will be identified in late FY 2003.

Increase flow of information (\$250,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance to the government to improve its regulatory framework for information and communication technologies; increase the reach of these technologies into rural areas for citizens, civil society, and government; and provide financial, organizational, management, and journalism training to improve the skills of independent print and broadcast media outlets in targeted areas. Principal contractors/grantees will be identified in late FY 2003.

Increase government responsiveness (\$250,000 DA). USAID will support pilot electronic-government programs that provide information on programs and budgets as a means of increasing transparency and accountability of local government. In addition, USAID will support mechanisms (town hall meetings, public hearings, etc.) that increase communication linkages between civil society and government reformers. Principal contractors/grantees will be identified in late FY 2003.

#### **FY 2004 Program:**

Deepen and strengthen civil society (\$314,000 DA). USAID plans to continue to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations to advocate effectively by improving their ability to analyze and articulate their issues. USAID will also work with national associations to help them teach and assist their provincial and rural partners in analyzing and articulating important issues. Finally, training and mentoring will be

provided in budgeting, planning and managing to create more sustainable civil society organizations. Contractors/grantees to be identified.

Increase flow of information (\$300,000 DA). USAID plans to: continue to improve the regulations covering competition standards for information and communication technologies; increase the reach of these technologies into rural areas via non-governmental organizations; and provide training in planning, budgeting and management to independent print and broadcast media outlets in targeted areas. Contractors/grantees to be identified.

Increase government responsiveness (\$300,000 DA). USAID plans to continue encouraging local government transparency and accountability by publishing information on government programs, by increasing local governments' access to information, and supporting increased communication between civil society and government reformers. Contractors/grantees to be identified.

**Performance and Results:** While this is a new program that begins in FY 2003, it benefits from the experience and lessons learned from USAID's prior democracy and governance-related objective which will be completed by March 2004.

In FY 2002, USAID facilitated the formation of a consortium of non-governmental organizations and church groups for monitoring the December 2001 presidential elections. This consortium's demands for an "open and transparent" vote count were a rallying cry that helped galvanize the political opposition and civil society, ultimately contributing to a change in leadership. Work on good governance continued, with the USAID-funded local chapter of Transparency International releasing Madagascar's first-ever, national report on corruption. Collaboration with Malagasy civil society also continued to produce results: USAID-supported non-governmental organizations joined forces with local communities and government ministries to pioneer a new style of forest management based on good governance principles and local ownership. Eighteen municipalities along the USAID-assisted southern rail line have developed a cooperation pact and are coordinating local taxation and delivery of public services. In addition, 100 civic education instructors from the Ministry of Basic Education, local civil society organizations, and media associations in one provincial region have been given training for instructors with the collaboration of two US NGOs: Internews and the Center for Civic Education; once final adjustments are made, this new civic education program will be taken nationwide.

Over the five year implementation of this objective, more citizens will show confidence in their government, there will be more cooperation between government and civil society, and progress will be measurable in reducing corruption.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Madagascar

687-VVV Democracy and Governance	DA
<b>Through September 30, 2001</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2002</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
<b>Through September 30, 2002</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA</b>	
Obligations	785
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003</b>	
Obligations	785
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA</b>	
Obligations	914
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	1,699